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Skiing is for everyone

Bethann McCutcheon, left, smiles as son Tathan gives his instructor Rebecca Anderson a hug before he steps into his skis on Jan. 22. Diagnosed with Angelman syndrome, sixyear-old Tathan is part of the Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS) program that runs at the ski hill every Sunday. See the story on page 3.

Angelica Blenich Staff

Township restructures cultural centre

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre has two fewer employees.

Last week, Sheryl Loucks, co-ordinator of R.D. Lawrence Place, and Caroline McLachlan-Darling, curator of the Minden Hills Museum, were let go by the Township of Minden Hills.

Details are scant at this time, but it appears the position terminations are a part of a larger restructuring at the cultural centre.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid told the *Times* she couldn't comment on the situation for now, but would be prepared to speak at a later date.

Reid confirmed that both facilities will remain

Loucks did not wish to be interviewed, but did submit some thoughts to the paper, which can be read on page 2.

The *Times* was unable to reach McLachlan-Darling.

The paper tried contacting Sharon Lawrence, widow of Ron Lawrence, the late author and

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Most mum on cultural centre changes

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activist for whom the centre is named for comment, but was told by a man identifying himself as Lawrence's brother that she would not be making any comment.

Loucks, a former journalist, was co-ordinator at R.D. Lawrence Place for four years. McLachlan-Darling came to the area after being hired

for the curator job in 2010.

Township CAO Gerry Morrison said a statement would be coming from the township.



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The co-ordinator of R.D. Lawrence Place and the curator of the Minden Hills Museum have lost their jobs. The terminations come as part of an apparent reconfiguration at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, the details of which are not being made public at this time.

Chad Ingram Staff

A hope for future success of RDLP

Restructuring is intimidating but sometimes needed; so while the current Minden Hills Cultural Centre restructuring has meant the elimination of jobs, including mine, it is not a bad thing for either myself, or the centre.

The centre has greatly evolved over the last 30 years and an infusion of new blood and ideas will not only mean new program offerings but may help the centre to thrive.

I did not know in advance that a decision to restructure had been made but it did not come as a complete surprise either since council and management have made it quite clear the township has fiscal challenges. In this era of harsh cutbacks elsewhere, thankfully I am being treated fairly and with respect. I was invited to apply to whatever new position is being created and the gesture is appreciated. However, I am very keen to put everything I have been learning since 2008 into practice by returning to professional writing and editing. And being the education junky that I am, I'm salivating over courses. If I could figure out a way to be a professional student, without racking up an insurmountable mountain of debt, then I'd gleefully campus hop forever.

Blame it on boundless curiosity. It is why I became a journalist and why I loved my time at the centre - nowhere else could I have learned so much first-hand from an astounding array of brilliant artists, writers, historians and of course visitors, who arrived from every continent on the globe. And then there are our miracle workers, the 120 or so volunteers that generously gave me their time and taught me about countless things particularly patience, kindness, and hard work. I'd really like to go on and on but I've already cheated Chad Ingram out of a story by writing this instead of agreeing to an interview.

Sorry Chad, you asked me what I think of all this but we writers like to say things our own way. And here is what I think.

Founding R.D. Lawrence Place alongside Sharon Lawrence, a dedicated group of volunteers and staff, has been a privilege - I am so grateful for all of you. I leave after four exciting years with a wealth of fond memories. Where else could one have

an extraordinary conversation with some of Canada's highest award-winning authors and shortly thereafter, in the very same room, chase a toad out from behind antique furniture?

I have, with volunteers of course, coordinated three literary festivals, an earth day festival, two Great Green Garage Sales, launched a wonderful memoir program and worked with 80 writers who gave talks, readings, held workshops and launched books - and that's nowhere near all. RDLP has had programs featuring everything from live snakes and sled dogs to staged readings to children creating art from recycling. I may have loved laughing and crying over the Back Words entries the most. It has been like canoeing, shooting rapids one minute, heart in your throat and the next floating in a pocket of bliss so sweet and beautiful it makes you grateful to be alive.

My sincere hope now is that all of you who have contributed your time and talent in so many ways to R.D. Lawrence Place, visited, and participated in programs will continue to support the centre. As to all those of you reading this who haven't; what are you waiting for? The best experience of your life is waiting in your own backyard.

With gratitude and best wishes for an excellent 2012, Sheryl Loucks, former R.D. Lawrence Place Co-ordinator P.S. My new professional home is sherylloucks@gmail.com.

Correction

Councillor Lisa Schell had seen a copy of the RFP document for a village development master plan before the Jan. 12 Minden Hills council meeting. Incorrect information was provided to the Times.

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CADS program offers many benefits

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

When Tathan McCutcheon glides down the hill his whole face lights up.

It's not unusual for the six-year-old to have a smile on his face, but when he's got a pair of skis on, Tathan has an extra sparkle in his blue eyes.

A Grade 1 student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Tathan is a happy boy. Diagnosed with Angelman syndrome, it is rare to catch the six-year-old without a grin.

While the neuro-genetic disorder has left Tathan nonverbal, words are not necessary to understand the joy he feels when skiing down the slope at Sir Sam's ski hill.

Tathan has been given the opportunity to learn how to ski through the Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS) program, a volunteer-based organization pairing up individuals living with mental or physical disabilities with instructors.

In existence in Haliburton for approximately 10 years, the program was started by Margaret and David Turney and Theresa Duzman, with support from the Bishop family, who own and operate Sir Sam's ski hill.

Today the club has close to 30 people involved, including 11 instructors and clients who travel from as far as Bracebridge and Toronto, according to program director Terry Maher, who has been involved for the past five years.

"I was out having a beer on the deck one day and the program director, Theresa Duzman, drafted me in," said Maher, a retired educator.

For Tathan, who lives in Moore Falls with his older brother Tegwyn and parents Bethann and Sean, the commute to the hill may be long but the distance is well worth the outcome.

"It's just great, I couldn't ask for a more supportive, caring group of people. They're just awesome. I just love it," said Bethann.

Even though it was only Tathan's second time out on the hill, the comfort with the instructors was evident in the six-year-old's demeanour.

"He's got four adults working with him and he's smiling the whole time. He's a superstar," said Bethann.

One of those instructors is Sheila Graham, who skied backwards down the hill with Tathan as he positioned his skis in a snowplow and smoothly glided along.

"That was just the biggest rush," exclaimed Graham when they reached the bottom.

The program is run thanks to Maher and the dedicated instructors who all volunteer their time, along with support from Sir Sam's ski hill, which lets the program use the facilities free of charge.

"The Bishops have been more than accommodating, we can't thank them enough," said Maher.

The director is hoping to get more volunteers involved with the program as it expands.

"We need good, strong, younger people who are capable of stepping in," said Maher, who has many good things to say about those who already dedicate their time.

"They bend over backwards."

This year the instructors were provided with new red coats thanks to McKecks and Sharpley's Source for Sports.



Above, six-year-old Tathan McCutcheon is helped down the hill by instructor Laurie Marks on Jan. 22 at Sir Sam's ski hill. Diagnosed with Angelman syndrome, McCutcheon is part of the Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS). /Photo by Angelica Blenich

Right, Sheila Graham, left, helps six-year-old Zac Bunker get down the ski hill at Sir Sam's on Jan. 22. Bunker has intellectual and physical disabilities and is a participant of the CADS program. /Photo submitted

For the instructors, participants and Maher, the program is all about getting outside and having fun.

"We teach the basics. We have an acronym, SFIT, which stands for safety, fun, independence and teaching. The kids like that," said Maher. "The major component is to have fun."

Those interested in getting involved in the program, whether as an instructor or participant, are encouraged to contact Maher by calling 705-457-9604 or by email at terrymaher@sympatico.ca.

There is a one-time fee of \$35 for participants to cover liability insurance. All other expenses are covered by the organization.

The program runs every Sunday at Sir Sam's until Feb. 26, with an optional session on March 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There is no age restriction for the program.



No economic development committee for Algonquin Highlands

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands will not be creating an economic development commit-

At least not right now.

Councillors discussed the subject at their Jan. 19 meeting.

Haliburton County is in the process of changing the scope of its economic development and tourism marketing department, shedding economic development responsibilities to the lower tiers and focusing its concentration on tourism promotion.

The county's three other townships -Minden Hills, Dysart et al and Highlands East - have all struck economic development committees.

The other three have towns, which is different for us," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, who questioned just what such a committee would do that was drastically different from township council. "I'm not convinced at this juncture that we need one." Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen agreed.

"I don't think we're ready for an economic development committee," Danielsen said, adding that the township should have a strategic plan in place before starting up such an initiative.

Both Danielsen and Moffatt believed economic development should be a function of the county.

There's a lot of discussion about this at the county level," Danielsen said. "I'm still not sure, for sure, that the county is making the right decision."

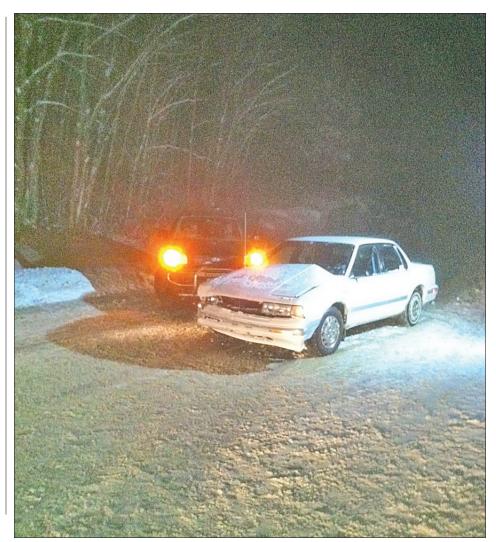
Councillor Marlene Kyle also agreed, saying what she'd like to see was not so much a committee, but a template of some sort through which council could measure the effectiveness of the events it

There would be public input sessions or opportunities in the creation of a strategic plan, the undertaking of which Moffatt pointed out is a major municipal undertaking.

A strategic plan for the township has long been a topic of conversation and Danielsen said she'd like to see the township begin to take action on one this vear.

"It's something so key to everything we do," she said. "Let's try to set some money aside and make it a fall project."

Staff were asked to research what a reasonable cost might be and include it in the draft budget.



Slippery conditions

Two cars got in an accident on Jan. 19 west of Carnarvon. The white car was travelling west when it lost control, hitting the guard rails before hitting the SUV at about 7:30 p.m. There were no injuries from the accident. /Submitted



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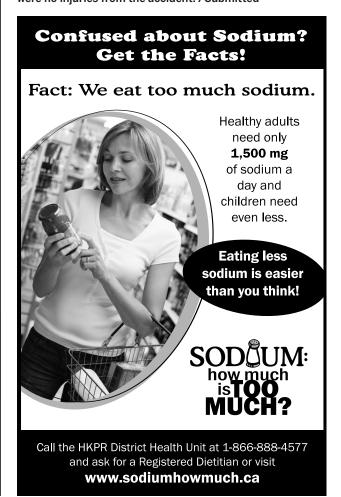
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Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

The Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners' Association wants to conduct a shoreline naturalization project at Halls Lake's Elvin Johnson Park.

Terry Moore, a director with the association, presented Algonquin Highlands councillors with the idea during their Jan. 19 meeting.

The project would include the planting of native plant species in the boundary area between the park's grassy area and beach, as well as pathways, rubble rock buffers around tree roots and interpretive signage explaining flora and the nature of the area.

Natural shorelines provide a number of ecological benefits, including the preserving water quality, reducing erosion and deterring Canadian geese.

The park, Moore said, could act almost as a sort of outdoor school, demonstrating to residents the importance of maintaining natural shorelines

"We think there's some key benefits for both of us to partner in this kind of program," he told councillors."

"Of course, the township is the landowner and all we'd be looking for here would be periodic in-kind support and other assistance that would be determined during the work plan approval process."

Moore has been in contact with the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research, which put him in contact with the ecosystem management and restoration programs at Fleming College and Trent University.

A couple of professors are willing to work on the plan and would use their students for much of the design work and planting work in the park.

The association is suggesting the township look after the project assets once the project is complete.

Moore would not be looking to the township for capital costs and told councillors he'd been turning to funding agencies for that.

"This kind of project really excites me," said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen. "I see the importance of it more and more

these days."

However, the deputy-reeve also had some questions.

"I'm concerned of course about what the ultimate financial impact is going to be for us," she said.

Danielsen was also curious how the proposed project could be balanced with the fact the park is home to a popular public beach, one that, in the summertime, is full of families swimming and sunbathing.

Moore responded that the vegetative border along the beach would be staggered to allow parents easy supervision of and access to their swimming children.

As for ongoing maintenance costs, that's something he won't know until the work plan is completed.

"Down the road, I'm hoping volunteers will take a large role," Moore said.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said the township had to be careful with volunteers doing work on its property, since it's a liability issue.

There would have to be some discussion around how that would work," she said.

Moffatt shared Danielsen's concern about merging the project with a popular public beach.

"I certainly support environmental stewardship," she said, "but I have some difficulty reconciling the concept of what will essentially be an interpretive park with a beach full of people. It's a busy, busy place."

Moffatt was also concerned about any future economic implications for the municipality.

There'd have to be, I think, a little more consideration given and some information provided to us as to what that might look like," she said.

Public works director Brian Whetstone said his main concern was that people who frequent the beach be polled for their opinions and Moore said this would be taking place.

The association had wanted to get council's approval in principle before talking to users, surrounding landowners and provincial ministries.

It will be going ahead with the work plan and keeping the township updated. The project will only proceed with council's approval.

Elvin Johnson Park is located off Old Mill Road where the



Chad Ingram Staff

The Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners' Association wants to conduct a shoreline naturalization project at Halls Lake's Elvin Johnson Park.

mouth of the Kennisis River meets Halls Lake.

Born at Halls Lake, Elvin Johnson was considered one of the founding fathers of Stanhope.

Skating rink cool as ice

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

The outdoor ice rink behind the Stanhope Firefighers Community Centre is turning out to be one cool attrac-

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt asked public works director Brian Whetstone how the season at the rink was going during a council meeting on Jan. 19.

"That rink is extremely well-used," Whetstone said. "I'd say [by people] from all around the county. There's kids coming from Minden to play . . . there's a group from West Guilford that play every Tuesday night . . . it's amazing."

This is the fourth winter the township has built a rink



Now that we know it's definitely a success, we can look at expanding the opportunities.

— Brian Whetstone

behind the community centre on North Shore Road and the second season the rink has been situated on a multipurpose concrete pad at the site.

It is surrounded by a chain-link fence.

Moffatt said on a given night passing by the rink, she'll see anywhere from two to 20 people using it.

"I have been asked if there's any opportunity or interest in going commercial and selling ad space," the reeve told

Whetstone thought this was a good idea so long as enough ads could be sold to place boards all the way around the ice surface.

Moffatt said she was thinking of something more along the lines of a billboard that could be affixed to the fence.

Whetstone said some users had also suggested the idea of a donation box.

"I'd love us to explore some kind of shelter that has squares where you can put your boots," Moffatt said. "Because right now . . . you've got to tiptoe in your skates across [the parking lot] or leave your boots in the snow

Ideally, Whetstone said the township might look at constructing a shelter similar the one at Dorset's outdoor rink, which features a heated changing room and a temporary

"Now that we know it's definitely a success, we can look at expanding the opportunities," he said.

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Culture shift

Chad Ingram

OMETHING IS HAPPENING at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. What it is exactly, we don't know.

What is clear is that some kind of reconfiguration is underway.

Two of the centre's staff members – R.D. Lawrence Place co-ordinator Sheryl Loucks and Caroline McLachlan-Darling of the Minden Hills Museum – are now former employees of the township.

R.D. Lawrence Place, whose namesake is the late author, activist and animal-lover Ron Law-

rence, has been a hub of literary activity since its opening in 2008.

Book launches, writing workshops and literary festivals were among the many events organized by Loucks.

A personal favourite was the writers' roundtable discussion under the big top at the 2010 festival.

Loucks's upbeat, inquisitive and engaging personality was always a staple of such events.

At the museum, a particularly interesting exhibit orchestrated by McLachlan-Darling was *The Story of the Camera*, which examined the history of the device that has become so central to our culture.

They should both be thanked for

their contributions to culture and the arts in Minden.

The thing about the arts, and artistic institutions, is that they rarely pay for themselves.

They often rely on funding from var-

ious levels of government. The value of the arts is

The value of the arts is not monetary, but intrinsic.

It's in the beauty they bring to the world; the colourful and thoughtprovoking escapism they provide from the monotonous drag of the daily grind.

Reporter grind.
The cultural centre is iv- often referred as a gem; a jewel; a diamond

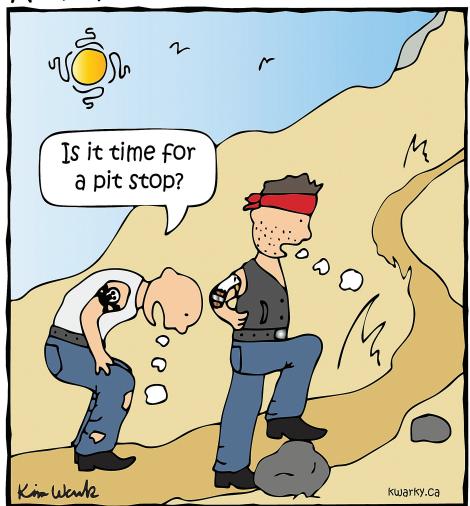
Those who visit it, whether they are local or from away, are often awestruck that a cultural complex of such size and quality exists in a community so small.

And, like a precious stone, the centre is something to be cherished and protected.

The township has confirmed that both the museum and R.D Lawrence Place will remain open, something that a collective sigh of relief can be breathed over.

As far as the rest of this story, we'll have to wait and see.

Kwarky



Harley Davidson Hikers

letters to the editor

Promoting art in the Highlands

To the Editor,

The Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands is heartened to see that our recent partnership with madeinhaliburton.ca is being received so well by the local arts community.

We believe that this unique arts promotion partnership, which is being promoted by the government, will benefit local artists, as well as contribute to the overall economic benefits of the creative economy in Haliburton County.

The arts council has been able to fulfill a number of its mandates with this project, two

very important ones being acting as a catalyst for economic development in the community and promoting art and artists in the Highlands and around the world.

The arts council looks forward to developing further partnerships with individuals or groups that wish to promote the arts in this community, but may lack the funds or expertise to do so on their own.

Lesley English Past Chair, Arts Council Haliburton Highlands

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points of view

The meet of the matter

F YOU EVER THOUGHT that a zebra was a horse designed by committee, you might not be too far off the mark. You see a new study out of Virginia suggests that meetings lower the collective IQ of the group.

The theory goes something like this. You are in a meeting and suddenly some genius says something that is either brilliant or unintelligible to you. (For me, this is often one in the same.) Suddenly, you are overcome by this feeling that you are not as smart as wonder boy over there. And, because you don't feel as smart, you stop trying to be smart and your brain essentially gives up – or focuses on making spit balls.

Furthermore, the study found that women are more susceptible to this – but I'm guessing this is only because they can actually stay awake during meetings.

If true, this theory has startling implications regarding the way our government operates. But fortunately, no one has said anything smart in Par-

liament or Queen's Park in the last little while, so it's not an immediate concern.

But it does make you wonder.

Does this work in reverse too? If someone says something stupid does the collective IQ actually rise? Because, if that's the case, then I should be thanked for all the contributions I've made to meetings throughout the county.

While "Uh, pass the doughnuts..." might not sound like the best answer to give when asked for input at a meeting, I now believe I have proof that it was.

you see that simple response is typi-

cally enough to make the participants at any meeting feel intellectually superior to me – especially, given the fact that, typically, there are no doughnuts

in the room when I ask this.

With this sudden surge of perceived intellectual superiority comes a feeling of smartness which manifests itself in an urge to contribute great ideas such as, "I know! Let's organize a night-time lawn dart tournament!"

I can't tell you how many meetings I've turned around simply by blurting out the first thing that comes to

mind. This skill is particularly important in these parts since just about everyone volunteers at some time for some cause where meetings are required.

With this in mind, here's are five

things you can say to raise the level of intellectual discourse at any meeting you attend.

"Hey, who is going to know that peanuts are the hidden ingredient?"

"...And we can save money by making our own bungee cords!"

"Are you kidding me? Who doesn't love squirrel meat?"

"Why pay an electrician? Let me check if that wire is live!"

"Why can't we bring firearms?"
Utter any one of these phrases with conviction at any meeting and it won't be long until someone actually comes up with a brilliant idea – like drumming you out of the organization.

Which is pure genius when you think of it. But, of course, that's where the problems begin...

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Left to their own devices

Neil Campbell

Back of Beyond

Steve Galea

Beyond 35

SOLATED BY HIS OWN indifference from the hubbub around him, Young Robichaux fixes his gaze on the five young men standing against the wall on the far of the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms.

Dressed in black like extras in an old Clint Eastwood movie, each held a cup of coffee in his left hand, a thin black plastic wafer in his right hand.

They are speechless. Robichaux would think they were mutes had he not heard them place their coffee orders with the waitress Gretchen, who now stands beside his chair, arms akimbo, also watching them.

Robichaux listens very carefully until he thinks he hears a tapping sound, like a mouse scratching against drywall.

Then he realizes that the sound of fingernails on plastic keys is coming from all around the table where he has just met with fellow members of the board of the Horned Grebe Lake Historical Society.

But still he focuses on the boys in black and suddenly there is movement - coffee cups set down, the black cellphones put in jacket pockets, then out the door in single file, the five of them.

"What in the world?" says Robichaux. "How did they all decide to leave at the same time? What just happened there?"

"They were texting instead of talking," says Gretchen. "That way, we couldn't eavesdrop. One of them types, 'Let's leave' and they leave."

"Or maybe they discussed it first," says Old Delahanty, the interim acting chair of the historical society. "We'll never know. That's the point of it."

The spell broken, Robichaux looks around him at a table awash with plastic devices – tablets, laptops, BlackBerrys, smart phones, iPhones, iPads, iPods. To Robichaux, mostly iDon'tknowwhats.

For the young fellow, young enough to be the grandson of all of the other board members, does not Twitter. Neither does he Tweet.

Robichaux lives way back in the woods on the far side of the lake. There is no electricity, no television, no cellphone tower, no iAnything.

His only source of information is CBC Radio except when the batteries go dead, or the newspapers when he goes into town, though the city paper teases him with stories available only on the Internet.

Robichaux is so far out of touch he is

of no use to any board. The only reason he is on this one is that he wrote a letter to the editor when the historical society lost its township grant. The society is a

money-loser, council says, and besides Horned Grebe has no history to speak of.

The young fellow turns back just in time to hear Lionel Izzard wonder where Jehoshaphat Hill got its name and watch Mort Huxtable and Wellington Trebblethwaite scramble to find out on their iWhatevers.

Robichaux spent his childhood summers at his grand-

father's farm up on the Hill and so he is curious about the answer. He also wonders what his grandpa, who died not so many years ago, would make of the digital jumble before him.

Grandpa devoured a world that came to him on paper – books, magazines, newspapers. After dinner, he'd pull a volume of the Britannica down from the kitchen shelf to check a point. One entry leads to another and by the time the lamp burned low, a fortress of volumes would surround him.

Now one little plastic wafer holds a thousand times more information than that fortress. Robichaux wonders about

the value of knowledge so easily won. No need to remember anything when it's all at your fingertips.

Just then, Edith Pefferlaw holds her iSomething aloft. "Here's my new granddaughter," she cries and everybody oohs and awes over the pixillated pixie.

Except for Florence Terwilliger.
"Here's mine, and she's only 15 minutes old," and then Delahanty pulls up a digital report that a grandson due in March will have red hair and play third base.

Dueling grandparents, thinks Robichaux. Enough of that information and a lived life becomes an anti-climax. What would his grandfather think?

Neil Campbell's book, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.

Evening grosbeaks may be uncommon at the bird feeder on Sapsucker Ridge, as I wrote last week, but they're making a comeback elsewhere.

Retired Algonquin Park naturalist Ron Tozer reports that as many as 90 of them are regular customers at feeders at the park's Visitor Centre.

neilcampbell@xplornet.ca

It's kindergarten registration week

Kindergarten registration week in Trillium Lakelands District School Board is from Jan. 23 to 27.

Parents can visit their local elementary school this week and register their child for kindergarten.

"This can be a wonderful and worrisome experience for parents," says Larry Hope, director of education. "But, I can assure you that our staff believe strongly in providing the very best for every student and everything we do is designed and delivered to meet the individual needs of our students."

"We are excited to welcome new kindergarten students to our schools," says Karen Round, board chairperson. "We have so much to offer, giving your child the best possible start to a rewarding future at Trillium Lakelands District School Board."

In kindergarten classrooms, children learn through play-based learning and small group instruction with caring educators. Junior kindergarten students must be four years old by Dec. 31, 2012.

Please bring the following items with you when you come to register your child for kindergarten: proof of age of each child; name and phone number for family doctor; Ontario Health Card number (optional); child's immunization record; residence road name and 911 address

For more information visit www.tldsb.ca.

Five years of fundraising for grandmothers group

In just five years, the Haliburton Highlands Grannies have raised nearly \$45,000 to help AIDS-orphaned children in Africa.

Through seemingly small events like their Grannies Tea and Harvest Harmonies afternoon of music, the group of women have amassed a significant sum for those in need, which goes to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

"We have grandmothers in our group who are very talented with their hands and make crafts, quilts and other items for us to sell at our events," spokesperson Peggy Cassils said in a press release.

"We also offer an African singalong and loonie auction

at our tea in June and wonderful music talent from the area at Harvest Harmonies, which takes place amid the fall colours at Stouffer Mill B&B the first weekend of the studio tour."

Sue Reid and Mickey Bonham, who went to the first Toronto meeting of the Grandmothers group, started the Highlands chapter in 2006.

To celebrate their five-year anniversary, the group has planned a special African Film Night for April 27.

"We'll show the feature film *A Small Act* along with some informative shorts from the [Foundation] and entertainment topped off by an unusual silent auction of wonderful African items, which we know will be a big

hit. We'll also have a guest from the Stephen Lewis Foundation," Cassils said.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation has raised more than \$12 million through the Grandmothers Campaign to fund 300 grassroots organizations in 15 African countries

Of the more than 34 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the world, 68 per cent live in sub-Saharan Africa, according to the foundation.

To support the group or to get more information, contact Cassils at 705-286-3226 or go to www.stephenlewisfoundation.org (if donating online, designate group 46317). New members are always welcome.



Skijoring

Minden resident Karen Koehler crosses the finish line in the two-dog skijoring event at the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby on Jan. 21 at Pinestone Resort.

Angelica Blenich Staff



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NOTICE

Please be advised that the following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2012 Budget deliberations (everyone invited):

February 9th, 2012 (regular COTW meeting – 10:00 a.m.) Budget discussion

February 15th, 2012 (Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m.) **PUBLIC MEETING**

February 23rd, 2012 (regular Council meeting – 10:00 a.m.) Budget to be passed

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The Township of Minden Hills is accepting quotations from qualified firms to provide assistance to the planning staff in all areas including but not limited to:

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For further information please call 705-286-1260 ext.206

Congratulations to our Cash Calendar Winners! TD Canada Trust - Martha Waind Maria & Anthony Weerenburg

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January 26th Council Meeting

(10:00am public session)

January 26th 7:00pm Gelert Community

Centre Advisory Committee

Meeting at Gelert Hall

January 26th 7:00pm Parks and Recreation

Committee Meeting at

Minden Community Centre

January 30th **10:00am** Finance Advisory

Committee meeting - Council

Chambers



Cultural Centre

Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Evidence Exhibition

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to come out and see Evidence, a group photography exhibition featuring Toronto-based photographer Ryan Szulc and local photographer Darren Lum be sure to do so. This fantastic exhibition examines the role photography plays in society today. Is it trust-worthy? If altered, is potential disillusionment harmful? Moving from one subtle, stark reality to another, this exhibition causes the viewer to experience a myriad of emotions. Evidence runs from

January 5, 2012 to February 25, 2012.

R.D. Lawrence Place

Family Literacy Day

Friday, January 27, 2012

10:30am at Dysart Library; 2:00pm at Minden Library

Join literacy specialist Beverlea Jackson as she reads the children's book Bear Snores On. This free family event also includes activities and games and is presented by the Haliburton County Public Library and is supported by R.D. Lawrence Place.

Personal

A new exhibit titled Personal will begin at the R.D. Lawrence Place February 10th. This exhibit includes displays of Ron Lawrence's personal artifacts. Be sure to join us for an opening talk on Saturday, February 11 at 10:00am.

Minden Hills Museum

Upcoming Museum exhibits

Two new museum exhibits will be displayed in the Common Room through the month of February. Welcoming Winter is a photograph exhibit featuring a selection of winter images from the past. Be My Valentine is an exhibit that will be displaying valentines, love letters, and romantic tokens from the museum's archives

For more information please go to

www.mindenculturalcenter.com or call 705-286-2808

NOTICE

Pursuantto By-law No. 09-01, parking on any Township road, including all municipally owned parking lots, during the winter months is prohibited from 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., from November 1st to April 30th in each year to allow for snow removal.

Please refrain from parking on any Township maintained roadway, or municipally owned parking lot, at any time during the winter months as it causes delays to snow removal and dangerous conditions for fellow motorists.

The Township of Minden Hills' policy states "pushing snow banks back and removing snow banks from intersections to allow for site distance will be completed on an "as needed" basis during regular working hours."

Attention

Please be advised that the Township of Minden Hills has entered into an agreement with Pnewko Brothers to commence recycling oil, anti-freeze and hydraulic lubricant containers. The service is of no charge to residents of Minden Hills. There are considerations the Township requests when residents bring the containers to the landfills. They are as follows:

- Please ensure that all pails and containers are empty of liquid. Only a small residue should remain.
- Please remove all pail lids and place lids in the bags with the
- Please do not put pails in the bags.
- Please ensure that all pail lids are metal free.
- Please stack pails. Keep the lid on the top pail to prevent liquid from gathering in the pail.
- Please replace the cap on all oil jugs after draining. This prevents the pooling of oil in the bottom of the bag. Collection is available at all Township Landfill and Transfer Station Locations. If there are any questions about the program please contact Chris Voth, Environmental and Property Operations Manager (705) 286-1260 Ext. 216

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The Month's Winner of the Lift Ticket







Community Care looks for funding

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

There are some big numbers coming out of Community Care Haliburton County.

Hilary Elia, resource development co-ordinator for the service provider, visited Algonquin Highlands councillors at their Jan. 19 meeting, providing an update on her organization's activities and requesting funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

Our transportation statistics are astounding," Elia said, adding more than 9,000 trips to medical appointments had been made in the last year, the number of trips up some 25

Through the Meals on Wheels program, Community Care provided some 16,000 frozen meals to county resi-

Seniors 55 and older and those with disabilities who are 18 and older may access the organization's services.

Community Care relies on funding from municipalities, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and augments that money with fundraising events, such as the annual and upcoming Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament.

Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle wondered if the organization had many volunteers at the north end of the township, specifically Algonquin Highlands.

"We have a number of volunteers in the Dorset area," Elia said, explaining some of those people makes trips to the Oxtongue Lake area.

Kyle said she'd talked to people there about the service.

"I asked a few members of the community and it was very positive feedback," she said.

However, she said some residents of Oxtongue Lake didn't seem to be aware of the organization and wondered how it promoted itself.

Elia said Community Care had an excellent relationship with both of the local radio stations as well as a number of partners, including Haliburton Highlands Health Services, who helped to get the word out.

Kyle wondered if Elia would travel to Oxtongue Lake to make a public presentation and Elia said she would.

Community Care has 45 clients in Algonquin Highlands. Elia noted that the number of people using the organization's services continues to rise. She is requesting an increase in funding from Algonquin Highlands from \$2,300

Earlier in the month, she made a similar presentation to Minden Hills council, requesting a funding increase for

Community Care has 360 clients in Minden Hills.

Both councils deferred the request to upcoming budget

Be sure that fuel is paid for

Members of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police remind citizens to be sure that their fuel is paid for before driving away from the pumps.

Area OPP officers have responded to numerous separate thefts from gas stations in the past three weeks.

"These are for most part accidental thefts," says Provincial Constable Sandy Adams of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment.

Believe in the Magic of Giving As of January 18th, we have raised \$79,000 for new X-ray Machines

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they needed to attend the kiosk to complete the payment, because it was not completed at the pump." Excellent surveillance video equipment at area pumps allows the vehicles and drivers to be identified very quickly by gas station attendants, who then contact police advising of the

"People forget to secure

their receipts before they

leave the pump, and they

think that the transaction

has been completed, when

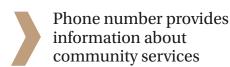
in fact their tank is full, but

theft of gas. Once tracked down by police, most people don't even realize that they didn't pay for the gas, and promptly return to the stations to complete the payment.

'It is imperative to be sure to secure your receipt, regardless of whether you pay inside the store, or at the pump," says Adams. "That way, you can be sure that the transaction has been completed, and payment made."

> www. mindentimes.ca

What's the 211?



When you don't know where to turn, just call 211

There's a new information service available for seniors and all members of the public not sure where to turn for help finding the right community or social service that applies to their own particular issue or circumstances.

When Aging Well Haliburton County conducted their survey amongst seniors a couple of years ago, one of the pressing concerns was that seniors needed help in defining who to call when they needed assistance for various issues.

They stated that they needed the information at the time the issue presented itself, not before! In other words, printing out a directory of services was not an option since they would not likely be able to lay their hands on it when the time came to use it. They also stressed that they didn't want to speak to a machine in place of an actual person. The Aging Well group has been wrestling with this concern ever since, but suddenly the problem has been solved, by others. Throughout Canada the CRTC has assigned three-digit dialing codes (also known as N11s) to services that have broad public interest and are of universal social value. The current assignments are:

- Public information and referral services
- Non-emergency municipal 311 serices
- Directory assistance
- Weather, traffic and travel information
- 611 Telco repair service

Message relay service

Non-urgent Health Care Telephone triage service

Emergency Services

The 211 service began in Toronto in 2010 and has now been expanded provincewide and currently serves about 10.5 million people. The call centres are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week by trained personnel who are prepared to provide contact information to any service or agency that would be appropriate to each caller's particular situation and location. The service is administered by The Ontario 211 Services Corporation which was incorporated in 2008 to provide leadership and accountability for the system.

Aging Well Haliburton County has been in contact with the 211 people to obtain brochures and more information for general distribution and they will make this available to the public at all libraries and other appropriate locations throughout the county shortly. In the meantime individuals may go online and see the complete list of services included in their referral base at www.211ontario.ca or simply dial 211 on your phone to talk to the call agent.



Giving back

Phil Podpallock of Chimo, left, accepts a cheque from Norm Dewar of Kinmount Tim-Br Mart. The cheque for nearly \$300 was from the Tim-Br Kids annual "A Day To Give" event, where they will match one per cent of each stores' sales and donate to the charity

of choice for each Tim-Br Mart location. Tim-Br Mart chose to support Chimo Youth and Family Services this year as they have been working closely together on a number of

projects. This August they held a barbecue in support of Tim-Br kids and we combined barbecue funds, customer donations and sales from the Oct. 15, 2011 " A Day to Give" event.

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Submitted by Phil Podpallock

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■ BREAKING NEWS: Gold prices continue to soar!

THE ROADSHOW HAS FINALLY ARRIVED IN HALIBURTON!!!

By: Michael Ross Great Canadian Roadshow Staff Writer

fter a successful week in Huntsville, the roadshow A has arrived in Haliburton today! So you better search through your attics and basements, go through your lock boxes and jewelry, because you may be sitting on a small fortune and not even know it! Roadshow experts are here to examine all your antiques, collectibles, gold, and silver.

During our show in Victoria, a woman came in with a jewelry box that she had just inherited from her late aunt. "I don't wear jewelry," explained Cheryl Barnes, "so it was an easy decision to come down to the Roadshow to sell it". She was very excited when she was able to walk away with a cheque for over \$2,100 for jewelry she was never going to wear anyways.

Expert Cliff Edwards explains, "We have noticed a substantial increase in the amount of precious metals such as gold and silver coming to the Roadshow, which makes sense considering how high it's currently trading at. He added, "The Roadshow is great because it puts money in people's pockets, especially during such hard times. Lots of items that are just sitting around collecting dust in basements and jewelry boxes can be exchanged for money, on the spot! ".

At another Roadshow event, a woman walked in with a tin full of hundreds of old coins that were given to her as a young child by her grandfather. She finally decided to come in to the Roadshow and see what he had given her. She was ecstatic to learn she had coins dating back to the late 1800's, some of which were extremely rare. Roadshow consultant Raymond Flack explains "We had uncovered an 1871 Queen Victoria 50 Cent piece, valued at over \$2,000!! She also had a nice assortment of coins that were not rare dates, but she was able to sell them for their silver content". All in all, Roadshow customer Linda Donaldson was able to cash in with \$4,500! "I'm so happy, "Linda explains, "I never would have thought that my old tin of coins was worth so much! I can finally afford to renovate my kitchen."

Raymond Flack continued, "Canadian coins prior to 1967, and American coins prior to 1964 are all made with silver, and we have noticed a large increase of customers coming to the Roadshow with coins and cashing them in for their silver value."

Experts at the Roadshow will evaluate and examine your items, FREE OF CHARGE, as well as educate you on them. The Roadshow sees hundreds of people during a one week event, and they have been travelling across Canada to different cities and towns, searching for your forgotten treasures.

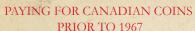
Trains, dolls, toys, old advertising signs, pocket watches, porcelain and bisque dolls, pretty much everything can be sold at the Roadshow. Any early edition Barbie's are sought after by Roadshow collectors, as well as a variety of Dinky Toys and Matchbox Cars. Lionel Trains and a variety of tin toys can also fetch a price, especially if they are in their original box or in mint condition. If a collector is looking for one of your collectables, we can always make an offer to buy it.

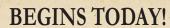
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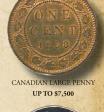






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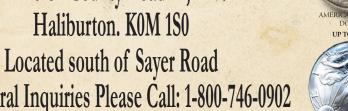








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Hep C victim holds hope for others



Local woman tells her story of coping with debilitating disease

Darren Lum Staff reporter

Maybe if she were the Grammy-winning singer Natalie Cole life would be completely different. However for a hepatitis C sufferer living in Minden Hills, barely surviving on the meagre income provided by Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), the reality is far more disturbing. This woman, who moved from British Columbia, simply wanted to spend what little time she had left to live in her home province.

Jane Smith (not her real name) contracted the hepatitis C virus (HCV) from a blood transfusion during a hysterectomy in 1981. Her first diagnosis of HCV was in

At the time, the doctor told Smith not to do anything, which for a small percentage is fine, as the illness is usually overcome by the immune system. But in a few cases such as hers the illness becomes chronic. Approximately 35 per cent of those infected with HCV are unaware of their infection. The virus attacks the liver and can cause liver damage, and even lead to liver cancer, creating the need for a transplant.

Smith doesn't expect the same generosity that Cole, who acknowledged she contracted hep C through drug use, received. Cole was given a kidney through One Legacy organization when she revealed her illness on the now defunct call-in talk show Larry King Live. (Strangers offered her a kidney.)

Such a fantasy isn't even a possibility for Smith, who has stage 4 liver sclerosis and several other problems (such as being evicted by her own father, stigma associated behaviour by local health practitioners, asthma and the associated unexpected costs of moving here).

Smith has a list of symptoms that includes fatigue, which forces her to sleep a lot; issues with her gall bladder, which is clogged, leading to bile getting backed up and forced to expel out of her mouth or nose; varicose veins on the esophagus, which she hopes to resolve with the process of the "band"; and bleeding is a problem, as her blood is very thin and does not coagulate like other healthy people because of the effect the illness has on

"You've got to be careful not to brush your teeth too hard. If you cut yourself, call an ambulance. You don't try and get there yourself because you could bleed to death on the way," she said.

Back in British Columbia, she used marijuana, which was authorized by a doctor's letter there (and recently here by her doctor in Cobourg) to cope with the bile that exits from her nose or mouth, as

her gall bladder is vastly affected and unable to process. This came to a head here in Ontario when an overzealous police officer during a random check searched her vehicle after he smelled marijuana despite her admitting to limited use (a couple of puffs with water and waiting an hour before driving), which she needed to alleviate the nausea and bile spewing from her nose. When bile does come back up her esophagus or finds its way out her nose, she said, the pain is excru-

"Sometimes it just won't stop. You can't stop throwing up," she said. "[The marijuana] mellows it all out. You just stop being sick. You can take some deep breaths and maybe take a drink of water and then you're doing OK. OK, I'm going to live now and I can carry on."

She is now in the process of acquiring a license to use marijuana for health rea-

In the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) region, which includes residents of Northumberland, Haliburton counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes, incidence rates are actually higher than the provincial average. Taken by the Integrated Public Health Information System, the statistical data shows the HKPR rate was 45.1 compared to the 35.5 provincial rate in 2008. These numbers, however, do not represent under-reporting and newly infected

According to the health unit website, there was increased lab testing for the virus between 2000 and 2008. It resulted in a "significant rise" in the number of cases, including both acute (acquired within a few weeks) to chronic cases (infection has been present for several months or years).

For the HKPR's higher rates, the website said it "may be due to the presence of large correctional facilities in the area."

Smith's apparent lack of physical strength due to the illness is by no means an indication of her intellect. She is frustrated and becomes noticeably upset with the way she has been treated by people in the government, particularly the ODSP.

'One of the hardest things is that I'm sick not stupid," she said. "Ĭ've said that so many times to so many people because they treat you like you're stupid. 'Oh, you're on ODSP you must be stupid. You mustn't know anything."

Smith was a transportation coordinator and managed a staff of 70 people, preparing budgets, organizing buses and creating road policies for 12 years for the Victoria School Board in British Columbia before she fell ill.

In the past several months, the provincial government has formed hepatitis C Task Teams, which will provide regular visits in communities such as Haliburton County to provide information sessions and help to hep C sufferers.

"Our role is to help bridge gaps by empowering the community with knowledge. That being said, we are trying to connect with other community agencies



Singer Natalie Cole received a liver transplant soon after announcing she had hepatitus C. For those sufferers without Cole's fame, the experience can be much worse. Murad Sezer/ REUTERS

to promote awareness," hepatitis C team outreach worker, Brigitte Upshaw, said. "We are bridging the gaps to everything such as information and services. We are connecting with local doctors, specialists and agencies, so that clients can receive the support they need whether they are at risk or have tested positive for hep C."

Upshaw, who used to work at a shelter for women, said she takes satisfaction in helping others and is excited at the potential the team can have.

"We want to be able to help people and provide that little bit of information that someone may not have. Knowing that hep C is a virus which is spread by bloodto-blood contact can help reduce the risk of transmission, and that could really make difference," she said

She is excited to be part of something that is so new and is interested to see where it's going to go. The team, which is comprised of an outreach worker, community coordinator, social worker and nurse, has recently begun to provide drop-in visits the first and third Friday of each month at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team office. Different members of the team will visit to provide support and education. hepatitis C 101 and harm reduction are some exam-

"Our coordinator will assess each individual to determine what documentation is needed, assist with application forms such as birth certificate, OHIP, coordinate with other services and assist with transportation when required," she said.

Upshaw hopes sufferers shed the stigma attached to this illness so they can be open to getting the necessary support and education to receive treatment.

"Without treatment hep C can be very detrimental to an individual's quality of life, but with treatment someone could

potentially be cured. We are excited about the new treatment which has a very high success rate," she said.

There is also a stigma that is attached to the illness itself, which Smith feels from people and even health practitioners, she

"If you go into a hospital and you tell them you have hep C they treat you worse than if you have AIDS. They do. We are at the very bottom of the life list," she said.

Smith, who had raised four children, has always been careful of and educated about the illness (remarking she is practically a doctor's assistant with the amount of credits earned through the WebMD website upon completion of many tests). None of her children contracted hep C, she said. Giving the illness to someone else is her biggest fear.

"I'm always afraid someone is going to get it from me. I don't think I could live with myself if I gave it to someone," she

The virus is spread only through exposure to an infected person's blood. The hep C teams are part of the strategy set out in the proposal, A Proposal Strategy to Address hepatitis C in Ontario 2009 - 2014, which was prepared for minister David Caplan by the Ontario hepatitis C Task Force, in consultation with the hepatitis C Secretariat and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Her team's coverage is the entire Central East LHIN, which includes the regions of Peterborough, Haliburton, Northhumberland, Campbellford, City of Kawartha Lakes and Durham. The John Howard Society of Durham and the Aids Committee Durham are community partners of the task team, Upshaw said.

As far as asking for help from her four grown children, Smith cries and pauses

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Creating awareness

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before she said, "They need to have their own lives. That's why I moved away."

In addition to her HCV she has stage 4 sclerosis and asthma.

Despite the overwhelming darkness, there is an undeniable light that still burns brightly, expressed through her inspiring words of hope she has for others.

Not ready to give in, the petite woman has a drive to lend help and support to other HCV sufferers with a plan to start a support group (offered before the hep C task teams were available).

For all the challenges she has faced since moving back here, from an unsympathetic staff at ODSP to a forgettable experience with her father, she still wants to help others by sharing and lending support.

"They're not alone. We're here to share and don't hold back. Share how you feel and how you're feeling because what you're feeling now I might be feeling in another two weeks," she said, adding the sharing of experiences is helpful. "They're not alone. It's a very lonely illness."

Despite the enduring challenges she faces, she is optimistic remembering a cardinal rule from a support group she led in B.C.

"If you don't laugh at certain things you're just going to cry," she said. "That was the one thing we tried in the support group was to never cry ... it's really important to be able to talk to other people that have it."

She wants to remain anonymous, but if anyone wants to contact her for the support group they can email her at animalmama@hotmail.com.

For more information on HCV see website: www.hepcinfo.ca

There is a related hepatitis C Support and Awareness Group Facebook page (https://www.facebook. com/pages/Hepatitis-C-Support-and-Awareness-Group/267775299932248) that provides support and creates awareness. Upshaw hopes it will be linked to the Oshawa community health centre website. The health centre can be reached toll-free at 1-855-808-6242.

The Public Health Agency of Canada describes Hepatitis C as a chronic liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). There are an estimated 250,000 people in Canada infected with HCV. Every year there are between 3,200 and 5,000 individuals

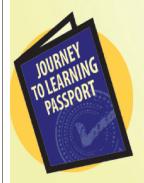
The illness is asymptomatic for the most part and less than a quarter will show symptoms such as appearing jaundiced (yellowing of the skin and/or eyes) or experience fatigue.

The chronic sufferers, such as Smith, don't experience any symptoms for decades, but can eventually suffer liver damage, liver cancer and will need liver transplantation. Close to 35 per cent of those infected are unaware of their infection.

The virus is spread through contact with infected blood. Close to 80 per cent of HCV transmissions in the country are attributed to injection drug use and sharing of contaminated needles.

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Opinion: What's behind the shift in politics?

Michael Fay

Special to the Times

We've just seen the end of a year in politics like no other year in decades. Federal and provincial elections brought change from coast to coast to coast. Letters and editorials in the Minden Times over the last few months have tried to make sense of the changes in our riding, mostly by trying to understand the shift in numbers of votes for each party. Even though the attempts were valiant, they didn't seem to tell the whole story.

I began to turn to another form of social media to see if there might be some help there. Facebook introduced me to the work of Dennis Gruending, a wise and experienced political commentator. I became "friends" with Dennis and his publisher and publicist. I was flattered to be asked to write a review of his newly published book, Pulpit and Politics: Competing Religious Ideologies in Canadian Public Life.

I offer my review as another attempt to understand the massive, generational shift in federal and provincial politics in 2011, with the hope of keeping the discussion going in the social media we read faithfully every week. Here it goes:

Jason Kenney had a telling smirk on his face when he appeared on CBC and CTV to discuss his latest "ruling." Kenney had travelled to Montreal to tell the nation that women must discard their veils when swearing the public oath in citizenship ceremonies. Unlike the pushy French or the frightened Dutch, he wasn't suggesting that veils be banned; no, this was a simple request to respect Canadian values, to uncover the face so that everyone could be satisfied that the oath, in fact, had been recited.

But wait a minute. I was in one of those ceremonies many years ago, along with over a hundred people from around the world, gathered in a large hall, facing a citizenship judge away up there in the front of the room, carefully reciting the words from the small piece of paper in my hand. Looking around at the others? Looking at the judge? Nope. But, believe me, I did say the words and, in a few moments, collected the already prepared certificate declaring that I was a Canadian citizen, a procedure that took months of paperwork and personal interviews, as well as mastering more than most native-born Canadians know about their home and native land.

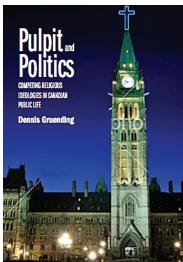
So then what was the big deal that put the self-satisfied smirk on the minister's face that afternoon in Montreal?

Dennis Gruending provides a wise and thorough answer to that question in Pulpit and Politics: Competing Religious Ideologies in Canadian Public Life, published beautifully by Kingsley Publishing in Calgary.

Gruending comes well prepared to answer the question. He's spent a lifetime at the intersection of religion and politics. Born in Saskatchewan, he was raised in a rural community as a devout Roman Catholic. Benedictine monks and brothers at St. Peter's College educated him during the time of Vatican II, the council that attempted to move the church into the modern world, with an eye on social justice. After completing his undergraduate degree, Gruending became a print journalist and began to cover and write about the social movements swirling around the Prairies.

The late Sixties and early Seventies were a time when the mainline churches in Canada made significant commitments to the struggle for social justice. I saw this first hand as director of community development at the Woodgreen Community Centre in the Riverdale area of Toronto. A church coalition, led by progressive ministers and priests, brought Alinsky-style community organizing to the neighborhood, while others were organizing social assistance recipients into the National Anti-Poverty Association.

Through his early journalism career, Gruending had the immense good fortune to be able to document the movement of progressive ideas from Saskatchewan to the national scene. The New Democratic Party, led by Alan



Michael Fay reviews Pulpit and Politics.

tion (CCF), which, in turn, had grown from a populist strain of religion, best captured in the career of Tommy Douglas, one of the original figures who migrated from "pulpit to politics." Douglas was the CCF premier of Saskatchewan from 1944 to 1961 and led the battle to bring medicare to the province and eventually see it sweep the nation.

Blakeney from 1971 to

The NDP emerged

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1982, led the way.

Gruending covered the Blakeney era as a reporter and later as the on-air host of CBC Saskatoon. He began his own intense "pulpit to politics" kind of shift near the end of that time. He took a break from journalism to travel for 10 months in Latin America, observing first-hand the work of the new missionaries who were bringing "liberation theology" to the barrios and villages across the continent. On returning to Canada, he became director of information for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in Ottawa and served there in the early Nineties. Then in 1997, Gruending ran for election to the House of Commons in a Saskatchewan riding. He was defeated by a candidate from the newly emerging Reform Party, but ran later in another riding and was elected a Member of Parliament. After losing his seat, he went to work for the Canadian Labour Congress in Ottawa. He remains an active member of the social justice community in the nation's capital. He also is the author of six books, including a biography of

Gruending began to break the code behind Jason Kenney's smirk in 2007 when he initiated a blog called "Pulpit and Politics", a precursor to his recently published book. He began to explore the recent history of religion and political parties, especially in North America. And he uncovered the secret to the code.

The long history of religion in Canada concerns the mainline Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic Church. The Protestant denominations, including the Presbyterian, Lutheran, United, and Anglican churches, dominated Canadian life until very recently. A drive through any of the older neighborhoods of Canadian towns and cities reveals the stone presence of those denominations in prominent locations. The Roman Catholic Church grew alongside the Protestant denominations in Quebec. In the late Sixties and early Seventies, the mainline churches began to collaborate on social justice issues, capturing the tenor of the times. PLURA - named after the first letters of all the mainline churches - was a formal coalition that operated in the Seventies, funding grass roots community activities across Canada. The impulse for social justice grew from the prairie soil and took to the pavement of our cities and towns. Gruending played a significant role throughout his career in the movement for social justice and, as a writer and broadcaster, shared his observations with the world.

The mainline churches began to decline in the Eighties and Nineties, however, shrinking to tiny, older congregations right across Canada.

In the recent past, a new development began to emerge, bringing - once again from prairie soil - religion closer to centre stage. And this time it was evangelical. Alberta was the early breeding ground for this development. William Aberhart became premier of Alberta in the Thirties but, just as important, he became the first media evangelist in Canada, speaking to his congregation each and every week. He passed the "pulpit and politics" mantle to Ernest Manning, who continued as premier and media evangelist from 1943 to 1968. The seeds of evangelical expression were spread broadly through that long period of time and, in the contemporary era, spread even wider through Ernest's son, Preston Manning, who created the Reform Party from a

And it's at this point that the story takes on a North American resonance. The evangelical movement in the United States had started to push out from their base in the churches, first to television and then to the political arena. The move into politics was centred on family value issues, and led to building broad coalitions that extended far beyond the walls of the churches. The coalitions focused especially on two issues that began to build a bridge to conservative Roman Catholics: abortion and same sex marriage. The issues quickly became instrumental political wedges, splitting the population and consolidating a firm base. But it didn't stop there. The coalition building began to take on a strongly patriotic note, bordering on xenophobia, including support for military interventions around the world after 9/11. And, in a remarkable development, evangelicals began to support Israel as a manifestation of Biblical prophesies. These developments heralded a huge

These trends began to play out on the Canadian political scene with the transformation of the Reform Party into the Conservative Party over the last two decades. Along the way, the key operatives began to understand how to play religious wedge issues in the political arena, largely through the clever use of metaphoric suggestion.

Gruending tells that story, in a clear and convincing

This leads us back to Jason Kenney, by far the most masterful user of this metaphoric magic. His deft delivery always brings a swift smirk to his lips. He knows when he makes a good move! The announcement banning the veil in the citizenship ceremony was really a metaphoric suggestion. It unleashed a firestorm of rage in blogs, radio talk shows, and comments sections of newspapers and magazines. This kind of rage both solidifies and builds the "base."The occasional incantation of metaphoric magic

Gruending tells this story with many examples in a deliberate, thoughtful way. He's a clear thinker with an easy style, turning complicated patterns into easily understood truths. Along the way, he visits all of the relevant interacting elements of this massive change in our political scene.

The May 2, 2011 election confirmed the sad result - a strong, stable Conservative majority government. For those of us, like Dennis Gruending, who long for fair politics and seek social justice, the result is shattering. And, far more disturbing, it may be deep and long lasting.

The Ipsos Reid exit poll confirmed that church-going evangelical Protestants, conservative Catholics, and Jews elected that strong, stable, majority Conservative government. And the alliance was built through wedging, base building, and rousing fire through metaphoric discourse. Their brothers and sisters to the south can only hope for such a convincing outcome.

Pulpit and Politics: Competing Religious Ideologies in Canadian Public Life is essential reading for anyone trying to understand the tectonic shifts in Canadian religion and politics and how those changes blur the distinction between the two. I've become more adept at reading political moves and interpreting political discourse because of this book. It took me only a minute to figure out why Jason Kenney had that cynical smirk on his face in Montreal. I had read the codebook.

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A recent study, The Older Women's Health Report, released as part of the POWER (Project for an Ontario Women's Health Evidence-Based Report) Study, highlights key changes to better support older people - women in particular. The report is funded by Echo: Improving Women's Health in Ontario, an agency of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

what impacts the older population in general. For example, healthcare providers today have little training in the care of older adults and geriatricians (physicians that specialize in the care of older adults) are in short supply. Additionally, health and community services tend to be fragmented and require integration and coordination to maximize effectiveness. New models of care are needed to provide effective support to older adults and emerging research is showing that much can be done to aid this group to remain independent as they age.

"Many different health care professionals are needed to provide effective care to older adults including, geriatricians, primary and specialty physicians, nurses, physical therapists, social workers, and personal care workers," says Pat Campbell, CEO, Echo. "The fact that many health care providers have

The report raises concerns about little training in the care of older associated complications." adults leaves older people vulnerable to not receiving the care they need." The Older Women's Health Report indicate appropriate interventions includes a recommendation to provide specialized training to family physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care workers to improve skills regarding the care of older people.

> "A focus on prevention and health promotion can help older women remain active and independent as they age as too many are physically inactive and do not eat enough to redesign health care so that fruits and vegetables," says Dr. Paula Rochon, lead investigator, Older Women's Health Report and senior scientist at Women's College Research Institute. "Yet, what we do know is that it's never too late to improve quality of life and health for For more information about the women, regardless of age. In fact, a focus on strategies to improve health Report, visit www.powerstudy.ca in the older population can help prevent more chronic disease and its

Age should not be a barrier to good care and when clinical circumstances should not be ignored or denied on the basis of biological age alone.

"The way health care is currently organized is ill-suited to the needs of older women," says Dr. Arlene Bierman, Principal Investigator of the POWER Study and Echo's OWHC Chair in Women's Health at the University of Toronto and St. Michael's Hospital. "We need it is patient-centred, integrated, coordinated, and responsive to individual woman's needs. Chronic disease prevention and management needs to be a priority."

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Teams from southern Ontario take part in Minden bonspiel

On Friday, Jan. 20 and Saturday, Jan. 21 teams from Burlington, Brampton, Port Perry, Uxbridge, Whitby and Minden took part in the annual Winter Mixed Bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club.

Many of the out of town teams have cottages in the area and this event allows them reason to visit the Highlands in another season. This year's A event winner of the Jug City Trophy was a Port Perry/Minden combination of skip Larry Rogalski, vice Carrie Rogalski, second Tony Taylor and lead Heather Taylor.

The Minden team of skip Norton Garry, vice Barb Millington, second Dave Millington and lead Sandria Garry were the B event winners of the Heat-Line Trophy. The team skipped by Paul Davis with vice Francine Davis, second Steve Kirchner and lead Diane Kirchner of the Burlington Golf and Curling Club took the C event and the Bill Kulas Re/Max Trophy.

The D event and the Coneybeare's Butcher Shop Trophy went to the Brampton Curling Club team of skip Bob Whittaker, vice Carol Whittaker, second Dave Goyette and lead Dolly Goyette. A large part of the success of this event is due to the members of the Minden Curling Club who volunteer their time and expertise.

Once again the organizing team of Pat Woodcroft, Jack and Winn Taylor, Marian and Jim Gillanders, Joyce Nilsson, Iain Kay, Judith McNeilage, Ross Bryant and Ross Petch along with co-conveners Audrey and Steve Robson put together the two day affair. Thanks also to our sponsors Jug City, Heat-line Freeze Protection Systems, Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty and Coneybeare's Butcher shop. /Submitted by Steve Robson



Minden Mixed Bonspiel A winners with the Jug City Trophy From left, skip Larry Rogalski, vice Carrie Rogalski, second Tony Taylor, lead Heather Taylor.



C event winners with the Bill Kulas Re/Max Trophy From left, skip Paul Davis, vice Francine Davis, second Steve Kirchner, lead Diane Kirchner



B event winners with the Heat-line Trophy. From left, skip Norton Garry, vice Barb Millington, lead Sandria Garry, second Dave Millington.



D event winners with the Coneybeare's Butcher Shop Trophy. From left, second Dave Goyette, lead Dolly Goyette, vice Carol Whittaker, skip Bob Whittaker



Haliburton/Minden Bonspiel

Highest individual score was, from left to right. Marilyn Burrows - Vice, Iain Kay- Second, Ed Cyr - Skip, Joyce Nilsson -Lead. Final score was Minden 236 34 points and Haliburton 195 14 points. /Submitted by Gord and Susan Sheehan



Club winners. Accepting the ValuMart trophy from Lynda Easton for Minden were the winners of the second draw: From left to right, Dave McClory, Dianne James, Lynda Easton, Barb Millington, Dave Millington. Final score was Minden 236 34 points and Haliburton 195 1/4 points. / Submitted by Gord and Susan Sheehan



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Saturday we started our playoff adventure in Schomberg. We sure have our work cut out for us with this team. The boys need to keep their eye on the prize, to pull this preliminary series off in our favour.

This game was for sure a nail biter for all of us parents watching from the edge of our seats, waiting to see which team was going to come out on top.

Thankfully it was us. We won our first game of the week-

Scoring our goals in Saturday's game was Luke Hunter with a hat trick, Owen Gilbert with one goal, Nik Dollo earned himself three assists this game, Bo Stevenson got one assist, Zach Morissette got one assist and Austin French also got one assist.

Sunday brought on another game against the Schomberg Red Wings and we found ourselves another 4-0 win.

The boys worked hard and kept the pressure on the Schomberg team throughout the whole game.

They played great defensively keeping the puck out of

We also had some awesome goal tending to give Carson a shutout as well. Scoring our goals were Austin French, Owen Gilbert, Luke Hunter and Benn MacNaull. Assists went to Zach Morissette, Nik Dollo (2), Owen Gilbert, Luke Hunter and Benn MacNaull. Giving us a nice little cushion of a 2-0 game lead in this series.

We only have to win one more win to sweep the series. Way to go Storm. We go to Sarnia next weekend for the International finals so here's a big good luck Atom As.

Submitted by Joanne Sisson

Tykes travel to Bobcaygeon

Highland Storm Tykes travelled to Bobcaygeon for the Sturgeon Lake Tournament this past weekend.

We faced off against Georgina Fireballs.

Goals scored by Hunter Winder with three and two assists. Nick Phippen, two assists.

Gage Hutchinson with one goal, Kyan Hall one assist and an assist for Ryan Rupnow. Great game for goalie Dylan Keefer. Winning 6-4

Next up was Georgina Jets, a tough competition. We knew we would have give it our all.

Down 1-0 after the first, we tightened our laces and stepped onto the ice, scorless in the second period.

Third period - goal scored by Nick Phippen assisted by Hunter Winder. Matt Vargas scored assisted by Hunter Winder.

Tied after regulation time.

Overtime was our time to shine, one minute on the clock



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With only 13 seconds into the O/T Nick Phippen takes the puck, he shoots ... he scores. Great job in the pipes by Dylan Keefer. We win 3-2.

At finals we faced off against Sturgeon Lake Black team. Goals scored by Nick Phippen (2), assists by Kyan Hall and Matt Vargas. Proud of how far each of them have come we lost 5-2.

Congratulations Tykes keep up the good work. Submitted by Monica Keefer

Bantam B girls finish

The Minden Car Quest Highland Storm Bantam B girls' hockey rebounded Monday night, Jan. 16, in Lindsay after their weekend hockey tourney in Huntsville.

The Storm Bantam B girls finished in third spot with a record of 1-2-1, beating Normanby, a 2-2 draw with Vaughn and two hard fought 2-0 losses to Nepean and Clearview -Clearview being a team theywill face-off against in provincial playdowns.

The game against the Lindsay Lynx Bantam C squad on Monday saw the Storm girls regain some of their offensive and defensive composure in the 6-0 win.

Erin Little and Sydney Feir both tallied two goals each and Cassidy Garbutt and Nicole Black both chipped in with

Defensively, the Minden Car Quest blueliners of Maddie Allore, Jamie Little and Kenndal Marsden shut down the Lynx with only three D. Connor Marsden secured her seventh shut out of the regular season.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Atom AE defeats Gravenhurst

The Storm Atom AE team defeated Gravenhurst 5-2 on Sunday at the Haliburton arena in the first game of a best of five series. With some improved goaltending Gravenhurst managed to keep the game close for the first half of the game but Highland Storm managed to go ahead late in the second period and then the goals started coming quickly in the third period. Jake O'Neill earned a three goal hat-trick while Nigel Smith scored two goals.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

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Reads of the week

Book of the Week:

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By Laura Hillenbrand

From the writer who brought you Seabiscuit, Unbroken is a compelling truestory of resilience in WWII. Louie Zamperini, an Olympic track runner (Berlin 1936), joins the Army Air Corps at the outbreak of the war. After his plane plunges into the Pacific Ocean, he survives 47 days on a disintegrating raft, only to spend the rest of the war being starved and tortured in a series of Japanese POW camps. This was one of the most popular non-fiction titles at the Haliburton County Public Library in 2011. If you haven't already read this unforgettable book, reserve it today in print or e-book formats at your library.

Junior Book of the Week (Picture Book Title):

Bear Snores On By Karma Wilson

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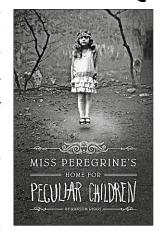
Lynne Case of BenTTree Canoe, a custom canoe restoration shop on Halls Lake, is one of the Haliburton County's most voracious readers - so it was only a matter of time before we asked her to share her latest read. Case recently finished the popular YA novel Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs. An interesting feature of this book is that it uses creepy vintage photos throughout, adding much to the atmosphere of the story.

Case explains, "Ransom Riggs' story is shaped around old photos culled from discarded bins and boxes. Before the days of PhotoShop, people used other trickery to make photos reflect optical illusions. These must have led Riggs to wonder 'What if these photos were real? What stories could they tell?"

"16-year old Jacob travels to an island off Wales with his father after the gruesome death of his grandfather." says Case, summarizing the

"While exploring the ruins of an old mansion, Jacob finds it holds more than dust and memories. Emma conjures fire, Millard is invisible, Olive levitates and Hugh has bees living inside him that sting people when he loses his temper. Jacob's discovery of the connection between vesterday and today make him wonder whether he should return home with his father or stay with his new friends.

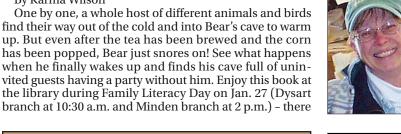
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children is also a story about the journey of a boy who finds the magic within himself and comes to peace with the adult he will one day become. His journey helps prepare him to battle monsters like those that hide in the future for all of us." Case concludes, "Ransom Riggs is indeed a master of the objet trouvé!"



News & Events

Just A Reminder: Library Yoga is back! Lynda Shadbolt will be running yoga classes each Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. This program runs Jan. 17 to Feb. 21. Entrance is by donation to the Friends of the Library. Visit www.haliburtonyoga.com for more details.







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Combined efforts keep playoff dreams alive

Special to the Times

The Red Hawks boys' senior basketball team showed their quality when it mattered most in a double-header event while on the road in Lindsay on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Haliburton was up against a tough squad from Kawartha West leading I.E. Weldon (IEW) and then followed it up with a game against the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School (STA).

I.E. Weldon has been traditionally a very strong basketball school, and this year's squad is no exception. They're a good shooting, disciplined team and they came out strong in the first half, leading 35-8 at the buzzer.

But we settled down in the third and played better ball, and wound up tying the second half 18-18. The final score was 53-26. Damon Flatman continued to show solid poise and leadership for us, finishing with 13 of our 26 points.

Regardless, the fact that we were to play two games backto-back (because of Tuesday's snow-caused bus cancellations) was in the back of all our minds, and we definitely came out gunning against St. Thomas. Our full court press bothered them in the first half and set the tone for the rest of the game. The end of the first quarter read 16-10 for us.

We dropped back into a solid half-court man-to-man part way through the second quarter and ground out a good, well-balanced effort on the offensive end. The score was 25-20 at the half, with Flatman leading all scorers with 10. A concern going into the half was St. Thomas's point guard Nici O'Neill who hit two three [pointers] on us in the first quarter and was getting good looks on us in the second. We gave this defensive assignment to Denver Smith in the second half who played lights-out defense and shut O'Neill down. He glued himself to O'Neill and barely let him see the light of day. Denver played such strong "d" that at one point O'Neill launched and missed a three pointer from eight feet outside the three point arc, just so he could get a shot off.

Offensively, Haliburton's Zack Cox started warming up in the third quarter, scoring seven in that quarter. Zack finished with a huge 23 points and ran the pick-and-roll on the wing impressively. He continued to dominate the boards for us, and is progressively showing more and more aggression in his play. We were all very happy he had this breakout moment and hope this roll continues to grow after the exam break.

I agree whole-heartedly with Coach Walter Tose who said composure down the stretchwas key for us. We squandered a fourth quarter lead against Fenelon Falls Secondary School earlier this year and didn't want to see our 41-27 lead at the end of the third fall to the same fate. But the boys were not going to let that happen. They continued to play lights-out defense and 12 of Cox's 23 points came in the fourth. The team as a whole shot 70 per cent from the free throw line for the game and learned how to control the clock, winding it down with a tough, hard-nosed offense that kept the ball out of St. Thomas's hands down the stretch. The final score was a decisive 57-36.

Game synopsis

Again, I want to emphasize how balanced of an effort the boys played: Flatman led us offensively in the first half, but Austin Lloyd showed some great heart and set the intensity tone for the team as well. Denver Smith's defense cannot be overstated. And Dylan Smith's energy and rebounding were great to see. It was also nice to have a full squad with Louis Ferracuti and Elijah Anger both back from their injuries. Riley Tait, Alex Turcotte, and Brendan Cox also gave good minutes off the bench.

We're off for a couple weeks for exams. Next game is on Feb. 7 at Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute in Peterborough, followed by a Feb. 9 match at home against Peterborough Collegiate Vocational School. Playoffs will follow those two games. To get back in gear after exams we're playing a tournament in Bracebridge Feb 3-4th.

Hawks notes

Flatman, combined with Cox for 30 of the 57 points, led Haliburton with 17 points in the St. Thomas win.

Playoffs explained

The playoff format is a "Sweet 16" with teams from Kawartha West (which includes us, LCVI, IEW, STA, and FFSS, Peterborough public and Catholic schools, and Cobourg. There will be a seeding committee once the season is finished, so things are still up in the air and we don't know how many of the 16 berths Kawartha West will get.

Nevertheless, we are currently third in Kawartha West.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Application for Consent has been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-062/11

Applicant: Estate of Irene Ethel FUHR

Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 13, Concession 16, Geographic Township of Snowdon Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding the above-noted application is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 25th day of January, 2012.

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> Ensure your alarm monitoring company has the most current key holder and property owner information including full names and all phone numbers for those persons.

Local Shrine Club to celebrate 25 years

Special to the Times

Our local Shrine Club is made up of Master Masons from the Masonic Lodge and in central Ontario the Shrine Club is now 3,400 members strong.

"It's the fun side of the Masons," says executive member Wayne Wiggins.

With members from Haliburton, Minden and Bancroft, the group meets in Wilberforce for regular meetings. Wiggins says the local club had 75 members last year.

The members organize an annual golf tournament, curling events and also sell their Christmas cakes to raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Last year our local members raised \$6,000 to help the

The closest Shriners hospital to Minden is located in Montreal and children are cared for in this facility for free. The hospital specializes in treating pediatric burns and cleft lip and palette Wiggins says.

This is the 25th year for the club," says Wiggins.

"This summer we'll have a reception to honour all the charter members, our special ladies and past presidents. Details are to follow."

Wiggins says the new executive is dedicated to continuing to raise funds in the community to help children as they face challenges.

"We're raising as much money as we can to help these kids in hospitals across North

America," Wiggins says.



The Algonquin Shrine Club have elected their 2012 executive. From left to right: director noble Eric Mueller, director noble Andy Gray, director noble John Deak, treasurer noble Dean Linton, director noble Charles Mullett, 2nd vice president noble Jim Williams, past president noble Ed Otto, president noble Wayne Wiggins, director noble Ted Bateman, 1st vice president noble Ron Mark, secretary noble Dave Earle, director noble

Absent ambassador noble Sean Cook.

Breakfast program seeking volunteers

Jenn Watt

Editor

Food For Kids got a \$3,000 boost last week from the Haliburton Rotary Club.

Now they just need the volunteers.

Rotarians were on hand Jan. 16 to give coordinator, Jenna Burnett, the money at the high school's breakfast program, which runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

Burnett noted that a couple of volunteers could no longer help out, leaving no helpers to give out food to students on Friday mornings.

Help is also needed for Wednesday mornings as the program is short staffed that day.

"I'm stepping in right now," Burnett said, "but it

should be volunteers [staffing]."

The shift is from 8 to 9 a.m., which accommodates those heading to work in Haliburton after volunteer-

Food for Kids is paid for with half of its funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and half from fundraising efforts.

'This is a wonderful program that is at risk of not running if we can't rally volunteers," Burnett wrote in an email to the paper.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Burnett at 705-935-0114 or jburnettfood4kids@gmail.com.

The program is also looking for a volunteer coordinator at the high school site.

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MEETING NOTICE

2012 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

TAKE NOTICE that Council will begin its 2012 budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2012.

Council will continue its 2012 budget deliberations during a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2012 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 25th Day of January, 2012.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk/Planning Administrator Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Road Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 Tel: (705) 489-2379 dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca

Notices



PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed Change of Fees to Building By-law 06-11

TAKE NOTICE pursuant to Section 7 of the Ontario Building Code Act, S.O 1992 Chapter 23 as amended empowers Council to pass certain by-laws respecting construction, demolition, change of use, permits, fees and inspections. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be holding a Public Meeting on February 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON to consider fee changes to Building By-law

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person may attend the meeting, or submit in writing, in support of or objection to the By-law setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons of the objection.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of the By-law is to amend Schedule A to Building By-law 06-11 under Administrative Fees section 1, 2, and 3 to be increased by the greater of \$200.00 or 25% for building without first obtaining a permit, failing to comply with an order and failing to comply with a stop work

Additional information relating to the by-law amendment is available for review by contacting the Building Department during regular offices hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands this 25th day of January, 2012.

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The Minden Health Care Auxiliary is holding their next general meeting Thursday, Feb. 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fireside Lounge at Hyland Crest. They would like new members. All are welcome, male or female. Have some time to spare? Use it wisely - show up at their meeting and you will be appreciated!

Need more info? Call Judith at 705-489-2943 and she will fill you in with any details you might need.

Have you been thinking of taking yoga lessons? As we all know it is one of the best low impact exercises for any age. Now right in our own neighborhood Winterfest Yoga sessions are starting every Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. for four weeks March 6 to 27. These sessions are offered at a subsidized cost of \$5 per person instead of the regular rate of

If you have never practiced yoga before this is a great opportunity to try it out, learn yoga stretches, breathing techniques and mediation to rejuvenate and restore those tired and aching bones. These lessons are for all levels from beginner to advanced, although geared to 55 yrs. up - all are welcome!

Winterfest Yoga will be offered at Club 35, located on Highway 35 in Halls Lake. Registrations are necessary to make it a "go" so please call 705-766-9968 or by e-mail drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.

The following was sent to me by another garlic lover. I haven't tried it yet but I watched the video and it worked. Garlic is a pain to peel especially when you need more than one piece. Anyways, you take a complete bulb and smash it with the heel of your hand, and then you place the garlic in a large metal bowl covering it with another bowl and shake it like crazy. All the peelings come right off. Okay, I need to mention that on the video I watched it was rather a big strong man that was doing this demo, but I'm willing to try.

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Cheer for a year raffle is back



Melissa Alfano **Dorset News**

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Here is a report from Sarah Coombs on the Dorset's Community Planning Partnership Group that hosted a meeting earlier this month. The Group continues to make headway on several projects and initiatives. These include a revised strategic plan (copies available from Barb 705-766-2108), a positive overview of the community website dorsetcanada.com and sponsorship drive, a review of two draft site plans from the School Property Community Development Group and a request for input and ideas from The Gateway Signs Project committee (if you have ideas for the signs drop drawings off to Barb at the Coldwell Banker office in Dorset or to Donna at the Dorset township office).

There will be an information session on funding for businesses and not-for-profit groups given by the Haliburton County Development Corporation on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. This is a great opportunity to learn about funding opportunities through a number of different programs. For more information contact Jan McDonald at

The Cheer for a Year raffle is back! Proceeds of this fundraiser go to Community Projects in Dorset. For just \$20 you could win \$1,500 cash or \$1,800 in gift cards to the Beer/Liquor store. The draw will be held Saturday April 21. Tickets are going fast. Call Barb 705-766-2108 or Donna 705-766-9253 for more information.

The next Community Planning meeting is March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Senior's Centre on Hwy 117 and all are welcome. A brand new event at the upcoming Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival is the Princess Pageant for girls ages four to 13. Girls four to five are asked to submit a picture, girls ages six to eight a poem and girls ages nine to 13 an essay or story. All entries should have a "snow" or Dorset Snowball theme. To find out about the Snowball Princess Pageant requirements, email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968. Entries are due by Jan. 31.

The next Dorset Ladies Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre is on Tuesday, Feb. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. and the theme is Potluck Appetizers and Everything Food.

Ladies are asked to bring an appetizer, fruit or veggies to share with a special request to exclude or meat and onions due to food restrictions and allergies. Also a gentle reminder that the recreation centre is posted as a scent free space so please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne and other scented products. The evening will include games and prizes and if you would like to contribute to the Dorset Ladies Night Cookbook, bring a favourite appetizer recipe and a picture or story to go along with it.

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Birthday wishes for the week of Jan. 22 to 28 go out to Madison Allore, Bill Ellerington Jr., Joy Moon, Alex Wright and our friend Darryl. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day! To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail. com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Coming Events

community Calendar



What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the ## UR Halibuton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Youth Unlimited is offering an after school program, at A.S.E.S starting Jan 31 for grades 6, 7, 8 for 6 weeks, in the school library from 3:30-5:30pm for fun games, activities, talk time & a healthy snacks. Registration forms available at school or online at www.youthunlimitedkaw. com or call 705-854-0401 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden

Jan 15-March 4th The Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS) will run a low cost Sunday programme for children and adults who have any form of disability, ie. physical, social, visible. Age is no problem. A pre-programme registration is required. Our 2012 programme begins at Sir Sams January 15th at 9:30am. and concluded by 3pm. or when the student shows signs of fatigue. Volunteers with average skiing ability are welcome to participate in the programme. For more information call Terry Maher 705-457-9604

Jan 24: Baby Mornings at Minden OEYC 10 to 11 am. Do you have a baby under 1 yr old? Meet with other Moms to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting a baby. For more information please call 705-286-1770.

Jan 26: Point in Time Cardiff Play Group Cardiff Elementary School: Play Group 12:30pm-1:30pm Cardiff Kinder Group 1:30pm-2:30pm January 26, 2012, February 23, 2012, March 22, 2012, April 26, 2012 Please contact Dawn Hurd at 705-457-5345 Ext 311

Jan 28- March 17: Opening reception Saturday January 28 2-4 pm SCENE/SEEN in Haliburton: Rails End Gallery Members' Salon Exhibition Enjoy the "Haliburton scene" and check out this group exhibition in the salon style. Cast your vote for the Peoples Choice Award and see work by over 50 talented local artists in a wide range of media. Gallery hours Wed - Sat 11-5 23 York St. Haliburton Village www.railsendgallery.com 457-2330

Jan 28: from 10- noon, the Minden OEYC has Doug Stephen and his model railway featuring "Thomas the Train and friends" visiting. Please call 705- 286-1770 for more information

Jan 30: Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic located at Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Br. 129 from 12:30pm - 6:30pm Call 1-888-2 Donate to book your appointment Please note location can change please confirm location when booking your appointment

Feb 8: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild will meet at 1 pm at Stanhope Community Centre. Jan Anderson, an Osteopath, will instruct on how to prevent and treat chronic and acute injuries as they apply to sewing and quilting. Bring running shoes, comfortable clothes, a pen & paper and participate. Call Pat Stiver at (705) 489-3751 for information.

- Highland's Hand weavers & Spinners Guild meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574
- Toast Masters meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 - 80. What is TOASTMASTERS? visit www.toastmasters.org for more information
- Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 The public is invited to enjoy a great lunch menu at the Minden Legion (corner of Hwy #35 and County Rd. #21) from Monday to Friday with a meat draw every Wednesday at noon and speciality fish & chips on the fourth Friday of each month. Every Friday evening we also offer a great fish & chip dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Come to the open mike and jam out



Patti Fleury Around the Town

705-488-2938 Fax: 488-1246 brucefleury@nexicom.net

Our eldest daughter Megan celebrated her January birthday this past weekend with husband Greg and son Austin under sunny Florida skies and 80 degree temperatures. Much as they looked forward to a break from their heavy retail responsibilities leaving beloved dog/friend Bronco behind was difficult. A large, fluffy blonde mixed breed rescue dog from the Quebec website Bronco has been a delight. Kind neighbours had offered to care for him and "kind" has certainly proven to be the right word. Daily emails complete with photos arrive at their resort from Bronco reporting that everything is great, he loves the doggie door which allows him to spend quality time outdoors and gets along well with his foster "sisters". Taking that extra thoughtful step has certainly not only relieved the vacationers but also brought a chuckle

here at the computer as photos are electronically shared of a happy but tired dog upside down in a cushioned bed light up the screen with his message "I hope you are enjoying yourselves as much as I am."

For a great afternoon head out to the open mike and jam session coming up this Sunday, Jan. 29 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Kinmount Legion branch 441. Back up music will be provided by Scotty Gartshore and Friends. Admission at the door is \$5/person. If more information is required give Keith a call at 705-286-2685.

Order your tickets now to support a new community project. Enjoy a dinner and loonie auction on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Legion branch 441 Kinmount hosted by the Kinmount and District Education Bursary Fund Committee. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6 p.m. Famed local auctioneer Doug Pearson will be on hand ready to tempt diners to donate their loonies to this cause in support of our local youth. Funds raised will go towards a Bursary to be awarded in the fall of this year to a student entering fulltime post secondary education and who lives within a 15 kilometre radius of Kinmount. To date some very generous donations have been made by local business, organizations and individuals but this event will allow many others to provide their support by attending, donating and/or bidding on auction items or volunteering to assist with the dinner. Tickets are only \$12/person and available now at the Kinmount Pharmacy, Gateway Variety or by calling Vic at 705-488-3053. Thanks once again to Pharmacist Khosrow Eshkour for yet another initiative and to the other members of the Committee working along with Khos and Vic - Dr. Elena Mihu, Lynn Ashbridge, Jane Austin and Chris Weerdenburg.

In spite of last Thursday's blizzard we managed to get to Kinmount for much needed haircuts by Jessica at Christine's Salon then over to the Library to learn more about e-readers. The City of Kawartha Lakes library system has a website on which books for the e-readers can be borrowed without charge rather than having to be purchased or chosen from a limited free listing. Even with the severe weather conditions there were people working on the computers and creative displays set out highlighting various subjects of interest for browsers of all ages. To learn more about the branch's offerings give librarian Mary Ann a call at 705-488-3199.

For residents of Galway-Cavendish and

Harvey Township including those along the Galway Road and in the Kinmount area east of the Legion a reminder that the 4th annual Family Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Buckhorn Community Centre. During the planning phase the Heritage Day Committee identified Township residents representing at least 14 cultural backgrounds. Celebrations will include a variety of family activities and feature a multi-cultural food court. For more information contact Mayor Janet Clarkson's office at 705-657-3315.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace remains closed through the month of January while displays are upgraded and other preparations completed for the re-opening on Saturday, Feb. 4 ready for your Valentine shopping tax free. The winter/spring regular schedule of Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will continue but if unsure please call ahead to 705-488-1414 before heading out especially in poor

Our members volunteer duty hours and sometimes find themselves snowbound in on country roads.

It was reassuring to read the report of the area bird count taken on Dec. 17 in last week's issue. Do keep those feeders stocked.

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> Evelyn Fenwick, Director of Human Resources County of Haliburton Administration Office, 11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 efenwick@county.haliburton.on.ca

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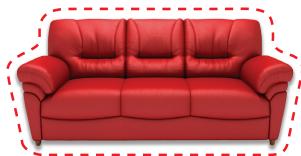
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> Application Deadline February 15, 2012

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\$154,900

- 3 Bdrm, Hardwood, Jaccuzi tub Walking distance to public access to Eagle Lake
 Close to Sir Sams Ski Resort Includes all Appliances
- Call Doug Farrow at 705-457-1011 or visit www.doug@dougfarrow.com

CRANBERRY LAKE LOT



- Hydro, driveway in well treed and very private 252 ft waterfront
- Call Karen at 647-236-9601 or visit www.youronlineagents.com/karenwood

youronlineagents.com/deblambe

\$114,900 • 1.28 Acres

Call Deb at 705-457-1011 or visit www **KENNISIS LAKE**

CANNING LAKE

\$689,000

Gorgeous custom designed 2 bedroom + loft

home/cottage w/195` of frontage on Canning Lake. Well located on Haliburton County`s 5

Lake Chain.

Call Tom and Gail Tempest at 705-286-2911

or visit www.youronlineagents.com/galitempes

GRASS LAKE

\$234.900

2100 sq. ft - 3 bedroom/1.5 bath/1 1/2 attached garage • 1.04 acre lot with view of Grass Lake • gorgeous backyard • walking distance to clinic, hospital,

schools and Haliburton village • vaulted ceiling in livingroom w/f.p. • spacious

kitchen and eating area • 3 good sized bedrooms • master has ensuite



- \$499,000 Great retirement property with mature landscaping
- 2 bedroom home with 2 heated sleeping cabins for the guests storage in a detached double garage Private lot on quiet lake
- Call Lynda Litwin 705-457-8511 or visit www.youronlineagents.com/lyndalitwin

INGOLDSBY

\$259.900

· Custom built home in the quiet hamlet of Ingoldsby

• 3 bedrooms; 2 bathrooms

245' frontage; .79 acre

1600 square feet

Call Lisa Mercer at 705 457 0364

or visit www.lisamercer.ca

Call Linda and Troy at 705-455-7653 or visit www.haliburtonrealestate.on.ca

Professional Landscaping
 Highest quality fixtures & finishings

Every luxury for the spoiled

Beautiful hilltop location.



- \$144,000
- Tory Hill Home on 1.13 acres
- 3 Bedrooms, New flooring
- Large Kitchen and Livingroom Full Basement with Drive-in Door For the Toys
- **Call Terry at 705-457-1011 or visit** www.terrylcarr.com

143 BOBCAYGEON ROAD



- Immaculate Home & Commercail Business Opportunity . Great Location! Town Water & Sewers Perfect for a professional office, medical clinic, retail store or ??
- Exclusive Listing by appt. only Call Bill Kulas at 705-286-2911 ext 444 or visit www.billkulas.com

BENOIR LAKE ROAD HOME



\$159,900

- Level lot Newly reno'd Motivated Seller
- Split level home
- 1,320 square feet + basement Call Vince 705-457-0046 or visit www.vinceduchene.com

36 ANSON ST MINDEN

\$129,900

3 bedroom, 3 bath Town Water and Sewer

• Full Basement

Quiet Neighborhood

Call Fred at 705-286-2911 or visit

www.fredchapple.com

HALIBURTON VILLAGE

LIPSY LAKE



\$275,000

- 952 Feet of frontage • 20.94 Acres • Deep rocky shoreline Nicely treed in Pines beautiful
 - Call Ted Vasey at 705-457-1011 www.tedvasey.com

BENOIR LAKE



\$344,900

- 2.21 acres , Newer Home/Cottage3 Bedrm /3 Baths, Lge.Family Room 2600 sq.ft. Living Space
- Year Round Municipal Road
- Call the Rick Forget Team at 705-448-2222 or visit www.haliburtonhighlands-remax.com

WEST GUILFORD ACREAGE

- \$59,900 49.83 acres with mostly hardwood trees Driveway installed
 Great Spot To Build Family Home
- Close to Sir Sams, Golf, Shopping And Public Beach
- Call Ken and Jacquie at 705-457-1011 or visit www.kenbarry.com

PINE RIDGE ESTATES

\$279.900

- Superb open concept design
 - Nine foot high ceilings
- Forced air propane heating Two car attached garage
- Call Geoff at 705-286-2911 ext 245 or visit www.haliburtonwaterfront.com

DRAG LAKE



194 feet of excellent sandy shoreline. Open big lake view of beautiful Drag Lake. Cozy 3 bedroom cottage with stone fireplace, large lakeview screened sunroom, Lakeside gazebo. Easy access off year round township road. 10 minutes to Town of Haliburton Enjoy fishing, boating and swimming on this 2 lake chain.

Call John and Marj at 705-457-1011 or visit www.johnparish.net

DYNOMITE HOME ON THE DYNO ROAD WATTS RD LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE



\$209,000

- In-Town Family Home 3 Bedrooms
- Full Basement with Walkout
 Quiet Neighbourhood

Call Marilyn at 705-457-1011 or visit www.haliburton-cottages.com



Post &Beam cottage W bunkle, 4 season. The Great Rm w fieldstn fpl - double-sided to sc porch Custom Kitchen w Tarmer's sink, large island & walk-in pantry, pine firs c/w slate firs 3 bedrm w lof & laundry superb attention to detail & inlaid wood designs. Bunkie w bath, living rm & loft. Double lot faces S gently sloped badminton court & firepit. Deep water off dock tasteful furniture!

Call Kennisis Lake Team at 705-754-4242 or visit www.cottagecountryhaliburton.com



\$165,900

- Immaculate 3 bedroom home on almost and acre of land. Property is landscaped and manicured with a garden. Loads of wildlife in the area, only 15 min. from Bancroft and an hour from Peterborough
 - · Has municipal water and ready for you to move right in.

Call Greg Metcalfe & Mary-Lou Milligan or visit www.youronlineagents.com/gregandmarylou

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WILBERFORCE 2260 Loop Rd. 705) 448-2222 1-800-461-0378

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Custom Home • \$269,000

ozy cottage with small bedrooms, nice large open concept

credible view of Kushoo Lake! Waterfront is across the road

kitchen/dining/living rooms with a w/o to a deck and the most

& is not part of subject property although the property owner along this section of Hwy 35 have enjoyed use of the shoreline

Dagmar Boettcher - 489-9968 85 Acres! • \$89,000

Large parcel close to West Guilford. Beautifu

view over the Redstone River! Great privacy,

beautiful rocks, terrain, waterfalls etc. Ideal for a



his newer 2 bedroom home has a large main floor family room and a full walk-out basement awaiting your finishing touches. There is an attached single car arage and a front and back deck.

Melanie Vigrass - 286-2138 x 32



argain-priced lot on Long & Miskwabi chain 105' shoreline, good privacy. Great opportunity to get onto a fantastic lake system. 15 minutes to Haliburton village

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33 Million Dollar View • \$579,000



Minden in Ingoldsby and close to water. 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath with many newer renovations Great back yard privacy! Call Listing Agent for

Fox Lake • \$129,000 & \$149,000

Large waterfront lots on quiet lake with good swimming

and sunset views. Close to year-round access and

Kawagama Lake access for bigger boating. Price is

Dehorah Deremo - 457-2128 x 58

Excellent Location! • \$234,900

Mark Dennys - 457-2128 x 30



'Build your dream home on over 2acres of level land. Close to Sir Sam's Ski Hill and Eagle Lake. Great year round access

Andrea Wilson - 457-2128 x 25



2.98 acres Cape cod Lg modern kitchen w/walkout, mn flr laundry, master w/ensuite. Upper loft, family rm, office, 4 oc bath and two bdrms. lower self contained granny flat

Denise LeBlanc - 286-2138 x 23



Terrific floor plan for 2 generations! Each floor with 2 bedrooms, bath, spacious open concept living areas, and large decks. Two carports, large storage shed all located on a big private and well treed lot.

Kim Stamp - 457-2128 x 24

Adjacent lots are level and nicely wooded with

evergreens, easy year round access, sandy soil & close to both Haliburton or Minden. Over an

ed at \$18,500 and over 4 acres offered



Western exposure, sand beach, gorgeous view cleared building site, driveway in, hydro on lot just waiting for you to build your dream waterfron

Tom Wilkinson - 286-2138 x 25



Possibilities Galore • \$229,900

Great commercial opportunity on Hwy 118 close

to Hwy 35. Detached home, large out building

Excellent exposure & ideal for future development

Fd Gibbons - 286-2138 x 28

Studio-Home-In-law • \$349.000

Work at home, extra apartment for in-laws! Off or

Cty. Rd #21 central location provides bsmt studio to

ample parking, a dbl garage separates an in-law fully

contained apt. + open concept 3 + 1 BR home. Many

Janice Brookes - 457-2128 x 22

interesting features! Price includes HST.

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Private 410 feet on the clean, clear Kennisis River ou of Big Hawk Lk 2000 s f 3 bdrm 3 bath home Mair floor master with ensuite. 24x24 double insulated garage, 20x22 workshop with 220V, plus 10x18 snowmobile shed. Flat lot with lots of parking.

Lee Gauthier - 489-9968

On Kennisis Lake! 2624 sq ft of living space + 26x28

garage & shed/bunkie. 2 BR on main level & 1 BR & den on lower level w/office & workshop. Level well treed lot

Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel - 754-1932

This 2 bedroom 1 bath cottage/home is great for the first time buyer. Maintenance free exterior with and cozy inside, nice rec room with a propane stove Deeded access to Wenona Lake close by

Greg Stamp - 457-2128 x 28

Large 2.3 acre building lot conveniently located between Minden & Haliburton , partially cleared, driveway in & surrounded by hardwood bush. Build your dream home on this private quality

Gary Moffatt - 457-2128 x 36



Viceroy style home with 3 Bedrooms and 1 bath features a sunken living room with fireplace, partially finished basement, private level lot. Great location close to 3 lake chain with easy access.

Erin Nicholls - 457-2128 x 34

Trooper Lake Cottage • \$324

Year-round (except for water) with great lake views & rippled sand shore; 1200 sq. ft, 3 bdrms, 1 bath, several upgrades, incl. new kitchen; MUST

Elizabeth Thompson - 457-2128 x 52



Premium waterfront on prestigious Haliburton Lake. Spectacular 3+ BR home/cottage with vaulted ceilings, stone FP & master ensuite. 540' of child friendly sand beach and SW view! Come and enjoy

Drew Bishop - 457-2128 x 23

Lakefront & Sunset View! • \$72,000

Great waterfront lot on beautiful Cedar Lake. ntage, driveway in, hydro & Nice level area by the lake.

David Lee - 286-2138 x 27



for the growing family is situated on a great country lot featuring a private riverfront lot across a quiet country road, separate bunkie/ studio, sauna, and attached garage.

Karen Nimigon - 457-2128 x 29



Located adjacent to the proposed new Canadian Tire, this property has outstanding potential for rental revenues as Minden will enjoy the benefits of this and other future developments. Both units

currently rented.

Tom Ecclestone - 286-2138 x 26



All brick bunglow on a stunning private lot. Upper flr 2 bdrm fully equipped and flr 1 bdrm fully equipped. New roof, drilled well, town sewers, 200 amp service.

Anne Moulton - 286-2138 x 24



ideal location for your dream home. Year round

Peter Franzen - 286-2138 x 51



457-2128 x 23



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